First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

February, 13 2022
10:00 am

“A Surprising Teaching”
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Racial Justice Sunday/Science and Technology Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **ERIC BANITT**

"Prelude", by Alexander Scriabin

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PATTY SHERWOOD**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce the Greeter **(SUE SCHUON)**.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Go, Make a Difference"
199 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God, who delight to meditate on God's law.

People: We long to hear the Word of God and let the Word shape our lives.

Leader: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God, who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

People: We intend to give our best to our Creator, bearing fruit in all we say and do.

Leader: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy, who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

People: We come now to worship and find new life, to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.

HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Star-Child"
174 SING

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 1:1-3** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

SECOND READING **Luke 6:17-26** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Guide My Feet"
497 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"A Surprising Teaching"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

O Breathing Life, you Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of other's faults.
Help us not forget our Source.
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power, and Song from gathering to gathering.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Sky Above",** by Jacob Collier **ERIC BANITT**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" 136 NCH

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild.
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love.
You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich.
Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far.
Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, so that offering ourselves may bear fruit daily. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"
181 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Go forth into a parched and needy world to share the water of life.

People: We go out with renewed faith and hope in Christ, for the kin-dom is a living possibility for us.

Leader: Turn to God each day to delight in the Word and meditate on God's will.

People: We will trust God to provide all we really need.

Leader: God knows you, loves you, blesses you in Christ.

People: We seek to bear fruit in all we say and do.

Leader: Rise with Christ to new life. Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated **ERIC BANITT**

"Days of Wine and Roses"

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Eric Banitt, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader
Sue Schuon, Greeter
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer
Wayne Burling, Volunteer Technical Coordinator

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYBRID WORSHIP RETURNS!!! Council met this week and decided to **return to Hybrid Worship next week, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022. So some of us will be in person in the worship space and others will be on Zoom, but we will still all be one worshiping community of faith seekers.**

Worship next week: Ellie Gusman, Worship Leader; Patty Sherwood, Room Greeter; Jenn Zibbell, Zoom Greeter. Interested in serving as a Worship Leader or Greeter, contact Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com

Welcome Kiki Fugate! Kiki will be serving as our guest preacher on February 27, 2022. Thank you, Kiki, for the generous sharing of your creativity, faith, and gifts. We look forward to hearing your message.

New Worship Team Meeting Time: Mondays from 11:30 am to noon on Zoom.
If you have a role in leading worship (Worship Leader, Greeter, Guest Preacher, etc.--or are just someone interested in seeing how the cake is baked), please join in our lively conversation by attending this meeting and sharing your creativity, ideas and feedback. **Thank you to Core Worship Team Members (Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director; Donna Eyster, Moderator; Margaret Harner, Liturgical Worship Coordinator; Wayne Burling, Volunteer Technical Coordinator; and Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern** for collaborating in worship planning.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter for purchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.com or 734-662-5803.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Facts about ***Guide My Feet,*** one of today's service hymns:

Many African American spirituals trace their inspiration to biblical texts. Singing was one way of passing on religious tradition, since in many places it was illegal to teach African American slaves to read and write.

Guide My Feet, was one of many spiritual tunes preserved by Willis Laurence James in his 1900 collection. Most spirituals would alter the words to suit various situations.

Joyce Finch Johnson arranged this tune in 1992 for use in ***The New Century Hymnal*** while she served on the hymnal committee. For more than 50 years, Dr. Finch Johnson was Professor of Organ at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, and is now Professor Emerita. She is a role model for organists, especially as an inspiration for young black women. Dr. Finch Johnson is on the International Roster of Steinway Artists; and since 1978, has been a Member Laureate of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION

The Coalition brings together Michigan Conference UCC churches that have declared themselves to be Open and Affirming of people of all gender identities. For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open & Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Wayne Burling (734-377-0696). More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/onami). You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

199 Go, Make a Diff'rence

♩=56
Dm
Asus A
𝄋 Dm
B♭ C
Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff-
Dm F
Asus A
— 'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence— in the world.—
Dm
B♭ C Dm
Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff - 'rence.
B♭maj7 Asus A Dm
Last time, Fine
Am 1.
Am 2.3.
Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.—
1. We are the
2. We are the
Dm
B♭ C Dm
salt of the earth,— called to let the peo - ple see— the
hands of— Christ— reach-ing out to those in need,— the
F
Asus A Am Dm
love of God— for you and me.— We are the light of the world,
face of God— for all to see.— We are the spir - it of hope;

B♭ C Dm B♭maj7 Asus
not to be hid - den but be seen. Go make a diff-
we are the voice of peace. Go make a diff-
A7 Dm D.S. Am Dm 4.
- 'rence in the world.
- 'rence in the world.
3. So let your love shine on,
B♭ C Dm F
let it shine for all to see. Go make a diff - 'rence in the
Asus A Am Dm B♭ C
world. And the spir - it of Christ will be with us as we
Dm B♭maj7 Asus A7 Dm D.S.
go. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.

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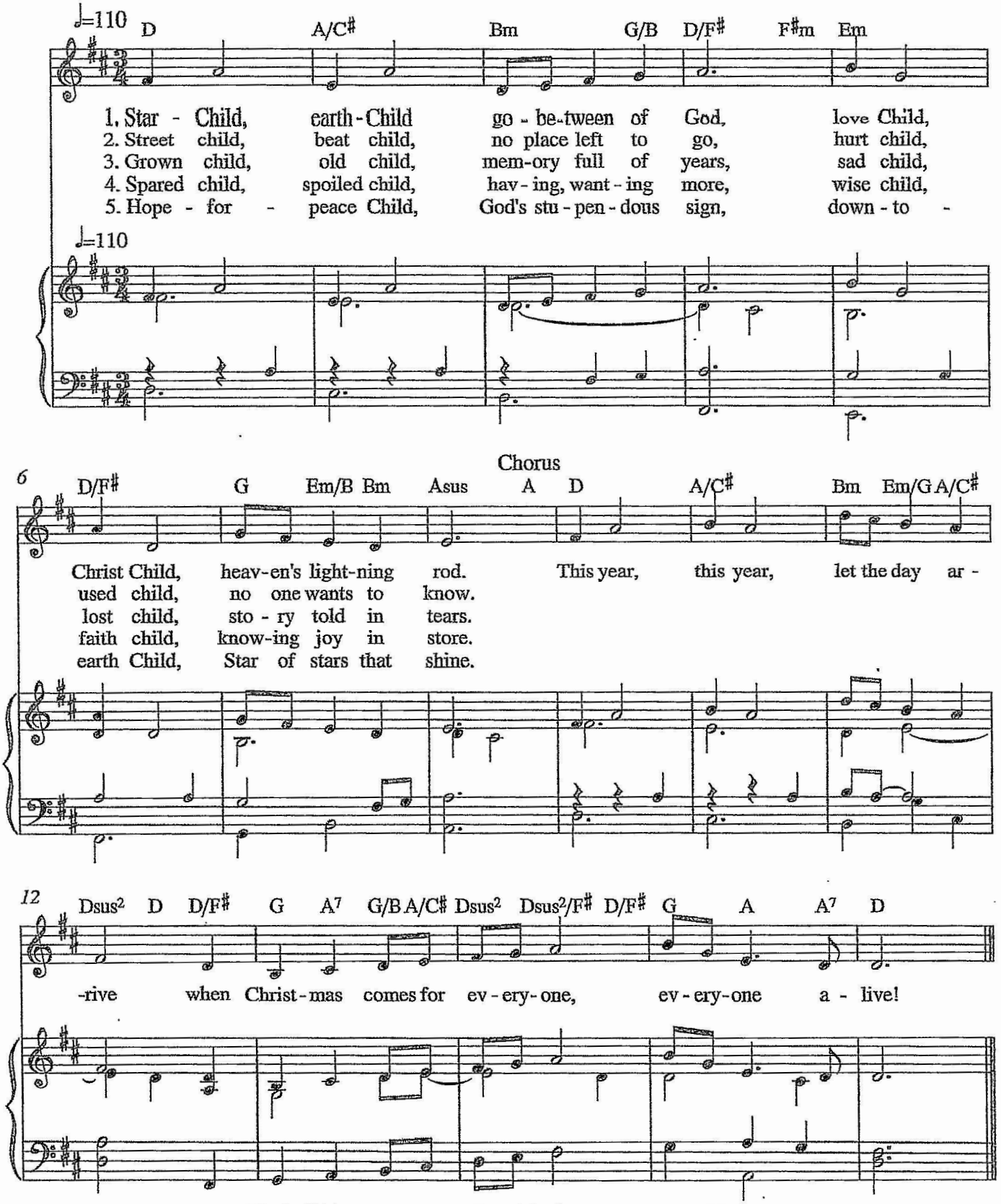
174 Star-Child


♩=110
D A/C♯ Bm G/B D/F♯ F♯m Em
1. Star - Child, earth - Child go - be-tween of God, love Child,
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child,
3. Grown child, old child, mem-ory full of years, sad child,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more, wise child,
5. Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu - pen - dous sign, down - to -
♩=110
Chorus
6
D/F♯ G Em/B Bm Asus A D A/C♯ Bm Em/G A/C♯
Christ Child, heav-en's light-ning rod. This year, this year, let the day ar -
used child, no one wants to know.
lost child, sto - ry told in tears.
faith child, know-ing joy in store.
earth Child, Star of stars that shine.
12
Dsus² D D/F♯ G A⁷ G/B A/C♯ Dsus² Dsus²/F♯ D/F♯ G A A⁷ D
-rive when Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery-one a - live!

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You Are Salt for the Earth, O People 181

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt. *Matt. 5:13–15*

Unison
D (allow to ring off)
G D/F♯ A7 D
1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!
G D/F♯ A7 D G D A7 D
Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!
Refrain
G D/F♯ A7 D G D/F♯ A7 D
Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;
G D/F♯ A7 D G D/F♯ A7 D
Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

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Guide My Feet

497

African-American traditional; alt.

Heb. 12:1–15

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me
Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,
Yes, my God.

This stanza may be added following stanza 1:
Wheel with me while I run this race . . .

The words and music of some African-American spirituals have been widely adapted during the twentieth century, especially in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The alternate words were suggested by a fifth-grade church school class to include those who must "run this race" in a wheelchair.

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10.
African-American traditional
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992